(DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Structuring of power projects based on certain types of fuels, especially liquid hydrocarbons and gas has sometimes posed problems, due to constraints in their indigenous availability. Government of India closely monitors the infrastructure facilities such as transport arrangements & port facilities and fuel requirement of all the private power projects and endeavours to make infrastructure and fuel available.

Power potentials in the Himalayan Belt and the North-eastern Region

2966. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that immense potential are available in the Himalayan belt and in the North-eastern Region, which are sufficient to meet the power requirement of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to exploit these resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) As per the reassessment studies carried out by Central Electricity Authority in 1987 the total hydro electrical potential of Himalayan region and North-eastern region is about 64,500 MW (at 60 per cent load factor) which is about 76 per cent of the assessed potential of the country. Out of this, 4178 MW (at 60% load factor) i.e. 6.5 per cent of the assessed potential has been developed and 2742 MW (at 60% load factor) i.e. 4.25 per cent of the assessed potential is under development.

Amongst the measures taken by the Government towards harnessing the hydro potential are, creation of central/ joint sector corporations, increase in outlay for development of hydro projects, increase in budgetary allocation for central/joint sector projects and arranging funds for hydel projects through external assistance. Besides the Government has modified the financial, administrative and legal procedures to attract private investment.

जम्मू और कश्मीर में प्रति व्यक्ति आय

2967. **श्री मोहम्मद आज़म खान:** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1950, 1970, 1980, 1990 और 1995 के दौरान जम्मू और कश्मीर में प्रति व्यक्ति आय कितनी थी; और

(ख) इन्हीं वर्षों के दौरान जम्मू क्षेत्र में और जम्मू को छोड़कर राज्य के शेष भागों में प्रति व्यक्ति आय कितनी थी?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र के. अलघ): (क) एक विवरण संलग्न है। (नीचे देखिए)

(ख) राज्यों के विभिन्न भागों के लिए अलग से अनुमान तैयार नहीं किए जाते हैं।

विवरण

विवरण: जम्मू और कश्मीर राज्य के चालू तथा स्थिर मूल्यों पर प्रति व्यक्ति आय (निवल राज्य घरेलू उत्पाद) के अनुमान।

(रुपये)

वर्ष	चालू	स्थिर मूल्यों पर	आधार वर्ष मूल्यों पर
1950-51	188	188	1950-51
1970-71	548	548	1970-71
1980-81	1776	1776	1980-81
1990-91(अनन्तिम)	3625	1786	1980-81
1994-95(त्वरित)	5099	1886	1980-81

पी: अनन्तिम क्यू: त्वरित

स्रोत: अर्थ एवं सांख्यिकी निदेशालय, जम्मू और कश्मीर

Training campus for militants in Muzaffarabad in POK

2968. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that training camps for militants have been set up within 5 K.Ms. Border belt across the line of control in Muzaffarabad in Pakistan occupied Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that militants had also entrenched themselves in the forest areas of Kupwara district near Srinagar; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (c) It is a fact that Pakistan has continued to be actively involved in training and arming terrorists in its own territory and in POK, and infiltrating them into Jammu and Kashmir to indulge in terrorist and secessionist voilence.

There have been reports from time to time about the presence of such elements in different parts of the State, including forest areas in the Kupwara district. Continuous efforts are being made to obtain information about the movements of the terrorists and based on the same, operations to flush them out are being regularly conducted. Continuous vigil is also being maintained on the border and LOC with a view to containing infiltration of terrorists into the State, and the related security arrangements are being regularly reviewed and strengthened/streamlined as may be found necessary.

Complaints against Petroleum Dealers

2969. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against the dealers of petroleum products in the country during the last three years, district-wise/category-wise; and

(b) what effective measures are being taken by Government to redress the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) This information is not maintained.

(b) Complaints received against the dealers/distributors of petroleum products are investigated by the officers of the concerned oil company and action is taken against the erring dealers/distributors in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

In order to curb malpractices/ irregularities, periodic/surprise inspections of retail outlets/SKO dealerships are conducted by the personnel of the oil companies, mobile laboratories and Joint Industry Teams. Enforcement officers of the State Governments also carry out raids on retail outlets/SKO dealerships and possible legal action is taken against the erring dealers.

Economic Backwardness in North-Eastern States

2970. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give preferential treatment to the Northeastern States to tide over their economic backwardness; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The seven North-Eastern (NE) States are categorised as special category States and are given speical dispensation in allocation of central assistance. They are also allowed to divert upto 20% of the Plan assistance to meet their non-Plan gap. Government of India have recently announced new initiatives for the North-Eastern region which inter-alia include the following measures:—

(1) A high level commission has been set up to examine the gaps in important sectors as well as the backlog in Basic Minimum Services. Recommendations of this commission would be considered for formulation of specific programmes and funding arrangements for the development of NE States in the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(2) A high level expert committee has been set up to examine all aspects of problem pertaining to educated unemployed and to suggest specific steps to promote their employment.

(3) All central ministries/department will earmark at least 10% of their budget for specific programmes in the NE States.

(4) Full funding will be assured for all on going central projects.

(5) Employment assurance Scheme will be extended to all Blocks in the NE States by 31st March, 1997.